



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5
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CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Mike Kreps, Owner
Kreps Car Audio
1382 Michigan Avenue W
Battle Creek, Michigan 49037

Dear Mr. Kreps:

In 2008, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency promulgated federal air pollution regulations that apply to the spray application of coatings to motor vehicle and mobile equipment (i.e., autobody refinishing operations). These regulations are titled the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Paint Stripping and Miscellaneous Surface Coating Operations at Area Sources, and they are known informally as "the 6H Rule." The 6H Rule required that existing autobody refinishing operations comply with the rule by January 10, 2011, and new operations must comply immediately upon commencement.

EPA has recently received a complaint regarding your facility. Under the Clean Air Act, EPA has the authority to investigate complaints, conduct inspections without advance notice, require that you respond to demands for information, and where appropriate, take civil enforcement actions against violators of the 6H Rule.

The 6H Rule contains requirements related to spray booths, preparation stations, mobile enclosures, filter systems, spray guns, painter training and spray gun cleaning. There are also notification, reporting and record keeping requirements. Enclosed is the Overview of the Rule Fact Sheet which summarizes the requirements of the 6H Rule

The Environmental Assistance Program within the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality helps Michigan businesses comply with environmental rules, lower wastes and emissions, and reduce regulatory obligations. This program can answer other environmental questions that may pertain to your business. More information can be obtained by calling (800) 662-9278.

The 6H Rule gives an owner or operator of an autobody refinishing operation the option to petition EPA for an exemption from the requirements of the 6H Rule by demonstrating, to the satisfaction of EPA, that the facility spray applies no coatings that contain the target hazardous air pollutants: compounds of chromium, lead, manganese, nickel, and cadmium. Petitions must include a description of the coatings that you spray apply and your certification that you do not spray apply any coatings containing the target hazardous air pollutants. Enclosed is a blank Petition for Exemption Form in case you would like to pursue a 6H Rule exemption.

Please read over the enclosed information, as it may apply to you. If you have any questions about any of this information, you may contact Dan Schaufelberger, at 312-886-6814. You can also obtain more information from the EPA's website at <http://www.epa.gov/collisionrepair/>.

EPA's foremost concern is compliance with environmental regulations, such as the 6H Rule, and if you violate such regulations, EPA may initiate an enforcement action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra Y. Flowers".

Debra Y. Flowers

Chief, Planning and Administration Section

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Mary Douglas
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

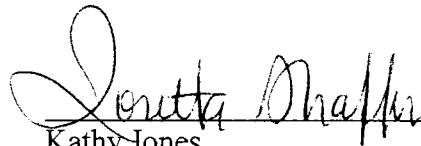
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, Kathy Jones, certify that I sent the attached warning letter, by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, to:

Mike Kreps, Owner
Kreps Car Audio
1382 Michigan Avenue W
Battle Creek, Michigan 49037

Ms. Mary Douglas
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (via email)

On the 13 day of April 2016


Kathy Jones
Program Technician
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